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Riverside Councilman Named Chair of California Seismic Safety Commission

Riverside, California – The California Seismic Safety Commission named Riverside Council Member Mike Gardner as its chairperson late last week.

The Commission is composed of 20 commissioners chosen for their expertise and experience. The panel advises Governor Brown on earthquake-related issues and makes recommendations to reduce earthquake risk. Fifteen members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, one member is appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and one by the Speaker of the Assembly. In addition, the Building Standards Commission, the State Architect's office, and Cal EMA each appoint a representative.

Because of budget constraints Thursday's meeting was held via conference call. Ward 1 representative Gardner will serve a one-year term as chair of the Commission.

"Riverside and San Bernardino are located in an area bisected by multiple earthquake faults and are subject to higher than normal fault activity. I am proud to chair this important Commission and to represent our region on such important safety issues," said Gardner.

The group meets at least six times each year to discuss seismic concerns, and provide recommendations to the governor. Each member is paid \$100 per meeting.

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